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Ex parte JIANGTAO WEN, JOHN D. VILLASENOR, and JEONG-HOON PARK

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Appeal No. 2002-2287 Application No. 09/203,672

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before STONER, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and HARKCOM, <u>Vice-Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u> and WILLIAM F. SMITH, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per curiam.

On January 13, 2003, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 35 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled, "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes in Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on appeal, "will be treated as a request to

withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

DISMISSED

BRUCE H. STONER, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

GARY V. HARKCOM, Vice-Chief Administrative Patent Judge

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